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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: UNITED STATES VS ORSINI

REF: STATE 021245 (NOTAL, PARIS 03346, STATE 027339

1. EMBASSY HAS REPLIED ORALLY TO PANAM REP JEEMSKERK ASSURING HIM THAT WE ARE PREPARED FULLY TO COOPERATE WITH PANAM AND PROVIDE FACTS ON EVENTS ABOUT WHICH WE ARE INFORMED CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION OF ORISINI TO U.S.

2. HEEMSKERK TELLS US HE HAS RECEIVED GUIDANCE FROM HIS HEADQUARTERS THAT HE SHOULD AWAIT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM PANAM HEAD OFFICE BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH ANY EFFORT TO OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION FROM EMBASSY. HEEMSKERK HAS ASKED EMBASSY TO WITHHOLD REPLY TO HIS LETTER OF JANUARY 20 PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS NEW YORK OFFICE.

3. HEEMSKERK SAID HE UNDERSTANDS THAT ORSINI'S PARISIAN LAWYER HAS TRAVELLED TO DAKAR AND HAS BEEN SEEKING INFORMATION ON ARREST AND TRANSPORTATION OF ORSINI. HEEMSKERK SAID PANAM HEADQUARTERS HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO REPLY TO ANY INQUIRIES FROM ORSINI'S LAWYER SAYING ONLY THAT LAWYER SHOULD DISCUSS MATTER WITH PANAM'S LAWYERS.

4. HEEMSKERK HAS HEARD ALSO THAT ORSINI'S DEFENSE COUNSEL MAY BE ATTEMPTING TO BUILD CASE ON ALLEGATIONS THAT THERE WAS
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BRIBERY OF (UNIDENTIFIED) PARTIES IN SENEGAL IN

CONNECTION WITH ARREST AND DEPARTURE OF ORSINI.

5. EMBASSY HAS NO RPT NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY GOF DEMARCHE TO
USG BEYOND INFO CONTAINED PARIS 33099 AND PARIS 03346. ONLY
SIGNS WE HAVE SEEN LOCALLY THAT GOF HAS MADE DEMARCHE ON
SUBJECT TO GOS WERE DESCRIBED IN PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH OF
DAVIS/FIELDS LETTER JAN. 15. AS FONMINISTRY OFFICIAL WANE
BIRANE PUT IT, FRENCH HAD COMPLEINED THAT SENEGALESE HAD
NOT GIVEN EQUIVALENT COOPERATION (TO THAT GIVEN USG) WHEN
FRENCH HAD ASKED FOR ARREST OF FRENCH CITIZEN. BIRANE TOLD
DAVIS THAT MINISTRY HAD REPLIED THAT GOF HAD FAILED IN THAT
CASE TO NOTIFY GOS OF FLIGHT NUMBER AND FULL IDENTIFICATION
OF FUGITIVE FRENCH WANTED TO HAVE ARRESTED.

5. EMBASSY HAS NOT SOUGHT ACTIVELY TO OBTAIN FROM EITHER
FRENCH EMBASSY OR GOS INFORMATION CONCERNING POSSIBLE GOF
DEMARCHES TO GOS OR USG.

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